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1. BY AIRGRAM WE ARE POUCHING RAINFALL STATISTICS COVERING MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY 1974 IN 36 AREAS OF SENEGAL. THIS SCHEDULE REFLECTS THE MM LEVELS AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF RAINFALL IN 1973/74, COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGES DURING THE NORMAL YEARS 1931/60. WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED A SCHEDULE COMPARING JULY 1971/72 WITH JULY 1974.

2. IN GENERAL, AN ANALYSIS OF THESE TABLES REFLECTS A SHORT DELAY IN THE ARRIVAL OF RAINS DURING MAY AND JUNE EXCEPT IN SENEGAL ORIENTAL, AROUND KEDOUGOU. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF JULY HAD AMPLE RAINFALL-SOUTH OF PIRE-MATAM REGIONS, BUT THERE WERE POCKETS OF NO RAIN AREAS IN THE PODOR/ UNCLASSIFIED

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LINGUERE/SUB LOUGA REGIONS, AS COMPARED WITH 1973. ON THE

AVERAGE, JULY 1974 HAD QUITE A BIT MORE RAINFALL THAN JULY 1972  
BUT LESS THAN JULY 1971, WHICH WAS CLASSIFIED AS A "WET" YEAR.

3. IN THE MAY/JULY PERIOD OF 1974, THE TABLES ALSO SHOW, IN  
GENERAL, A DEFICIT WHEN COMPARED TO THE NORMAL YEARS 1931/60,  
EXCEPT FOR KEDOUGOU, TAMBACUNDA, AND BAKEL. AS A MATTER OF  
FACT, TAMBACUNDA HAD A DRY JUNE BUT FLOODS IN JULY WHICH  
RESULTED IN A NORMAL LEVEL FOR THE TWO MONTHS IN THAT AREA.

4. IN CONCLUSION, SENEGAL IN 1974, AS OF EARLY AUG, HAS NOT  
RECEIVED AS MUCH RAIN AS IN 1973, EXCEPT FOR THE REGIONS OF  
BAKEL, BAMBEY, MATAM, DIOURBEL, RICHARD-TOLL, SAINT LOUIS AND  
KOUNGHEUL WHERE RAINS WERE BETTER THAN IN 1973. AS A RESULT,  
CROPS IN THESE AREAS SHOULD BE IMPROVED OVER 1973.  
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